

Listing of the Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]25 and further comprising at least one of:

printing the second page description file to at least one of the multifunction printer and a second printer;

digitally sending the second page description file to a recipient, storing the second page description file in a memory; or

sending the second page description file to a memory location external of the multifunction printer.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]25 wherein electronically obtaining the first page description file comprises:

obtaining a digital image file of the printed page by scanning the printed page with a scanner of the multifunction printer and optically recognizing the digital image file, via the multifunction printer, for conversion to the first page description file.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]25 wherein electronically obtaining the first page description file comprises:

optically recognizing, via the multifunction printer, an electronic identifier of the printed page as an electronic memory pointer and, based on the electronic memory pointer, retrieving the first page description file from a memory of the multifunction printer or a memory available at a uniform resource locator address.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]25 wherein electronically obtaining the first page description file comprises:

optically recognizing, via the multifunction printer, an electronic identifier of the printed page as a memory and retrieving the first page description file from the memory of the electronic identifier.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]]25 wherein electronically obtaining the first page description file comprises:

wirelessly retrieving, via the multifunction printer, an electronic identifier as a memory pointer from the printed page and based on the memory pointer, electronically retrieving the first page description file from at least one of a memory of the multifunction printer and a memory available at a uniform resource locator address.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]25 wherein electronically identifying the at least one electronic edit instruction symbol via the multifunction printer comprises:

optically recognizing the at least one standard handwritten edit symbol as the at least one electronic edit instruction from an array of electronic edit instructions stored in a memory of the multifunction printer; and

wherein electronically and automatically modifying the first page description file via the multifunction printer comprises:

retrieving the at least one electronic edit instruction from the edit symbol array and applying, at the multifunction printer, the at least one electronic edit instruction to the first page description file.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A multifunction printer implementing the method of claim 25, comprising:

~~a memory;~~

~~a scanner configured for obtaining an electronic image file of at least one printed page that includes a text and at least one standard handwritten edit symbol and for storing the electronic image file in the memory;~~

~~an optical recognition function configured to perform an optical character recognition on the electronic image file to recognize the at least one standard handwritten~~

~~edit symbol and configured to obtain a first page description file corresponding to the text of the at least one printed page; and~~

~~an edit manager stored in the memory and configured, in communication with the optical recognition function, to automatically implement at least one electronic edit instruction corresponding to the at least one recognized standard handwritten edit symbol to the first page description file to create a second page description file that includes the text modified according to the at least one recognized standard handwritten edit symbol, wherein the edit manager implements the at least one electronic edit instruction at the multifunction printer independent of, and separate from, a computer.~~

14. (Previously Presented) The multifunction printer of claim 13 wherein the optical character recognition function is further configured to optically recognize at least one of:

the text of the at least one printed page from the electronic image file as the first page description file; and

an electronic identifier of the at least one printed page from the electronic image file for use as a memory pointer that points to an external memory location and retrieving the first page description file from that external memory location; and

an electronic identifier of the at least one printed page from the electronic image file for use as a memory storage that stores the first page description file and retrieving the first page description file from that memory storage.

15. (Previously Presented) The multifunction printer of claim 13 further comprising a user interface comprising at least one of:

an electronic mail function configured to permit specifying an electronic mail address to which the second page description file will be digitally sent by the multifunction printer;

a print function configured to permit specifying that the second page description file be printed by the multifunction printer;

a save function configured to permit specifying that the second page description file be saved in the memory of the multifunction printer; or

a send function configured to permit sending the second page description file in a memory location external of the multifunction printer.

16. (Currently Amended) The multifunction printer of claim 13 ~~wherein the~~ further comprising an edit manager comprises having an edit symbol array including a plurality of electronic edit instructions, including the at least one electronic edit instruction, with each electronic edit instruction uniquely corresponding to a respective one of a plurality of standard handwritten symbols including the at least one standard handwritten edit symbol.

17. (Original) The multifunction printer of claim 16 wherein the edit manager comprises:

an edit rules library configured to support application of the electronic editing instructions of the edit symbol array and including at least one of a grammar function, a dictionary function, and a format function.

18. (Currently Amended) The multifunction printer of claim 13 wherein ~~the~~ an optical character recognition function is stored in at least one ~~of the~~ memory of the multifunction printer, a controller of the multifunction printer, and an application specific integrated circuit.

19. (Previously Presented) The multifunction printer of claim 13 wherein the multifunction printer comprises a wireless transceiver configured for communication with a wireless transponder tag of the at least one printed page with the wireless transponder tag being configured as a memory pointer that identifies a memory location storing the first page description file.

20-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of editing a printed page, comprising:
automatically scanning, via a multifunction printer, the printed page, wherein the printed page includes text and at least one handwritten edit symbol;
electronically obtaining, via the multifunction printer, a first page description file, which corresponds to at least the text on the printed page;

electronically identifying from the scanned printed page, via optical recognition from the multifunction printer at least one electronic edit symbol from a first array of electronic edit symbols stored in a memory of the multifunction printer, which corresponds to the at least one handwritten edit symbol; and

electronically and automatically modifying, via the multifunction printer and a computer in communication with and in cooperation with the multifunction printer, the first page description file using the at least one electronic edit symbol to create a second page description file that includes the text modified according to the at least one handwritten edit symbol, wherein electronically and automatically modifying the first page description file comprises:

retrieving the at least one electronic edit instruction from a second edit symbol array stored in the computer; and

applying, at the computer, the at least one electronic edit instruction to the first page description file.